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Explaining reasons for Brentano's tabling "Preliminary Steps to Reunification of Germany", Quadripartite Meeting April 1, Dr. Maisner, German Foreign Office, said following:

1. When Foreign Minister left for Washington meeting it was agreed German government would endorse general lines U.S. plan reunification based on earlier Maisner-Pechter plan.
2. These instructions changed abruptly by Chancellor and substance German paper flown Washington by van Scherpenberg.
3. Maisner says German about face not due substance Working Group proposals but rather

(a) Chancellor's concern about direction Western policies resulting from British maneuvers following Macmillan's trip to U.S.S.R.;

(b) Internal political pressures as evidenced by publication SPD Deutschland Plans Ollenhauer-Hirler-Schmid discussions with Khrushchev; and dissension even in CDU;

(c) De Gaulle statement on Germany's eastern boundaries;

(d) And, most of all, absence Secretary Dulles from scene at this crucial time, particularly when "dangerous" projects being proposed by some of Western allies.

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